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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2003,
the term for response to which expires on June 8, 2003.

ELECTION:

Applicants hereby elect Species I, Fig. 2, for further
prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

The claims readable on the elected species of Fig. 2 are
claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 21, 22 and 24.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits
now proceed with respect to the above election.

If a generic claim is found to be allowable, it is requested
that the Examiner consider all of the claims which depend
therefrom or which otherwise include the subject matter thereof.

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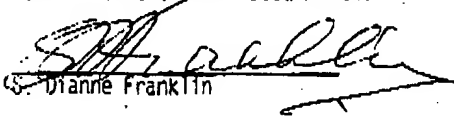
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